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- The Windsor Land Trust asks that the committee oppose the section of HB6357 which proposes adding the Healthy Foods Initiative as a new CIA funded program.
- We think that the Healthy Foods Initiative should be funded as a stand-alone line item under the Department of Education budget.
- The CIA is important to Windsor's economy and quality of life by supporting land conservation, farmland preservation and historic properties.

The CIA is Critical to Land Conservation!

- CIA investments in local farm businesses and land protection have contributed to the viability of the \$873 million outdoor recreation industry and the \$3.5 billion agricultural industry together generating 28,000 jobs.
- 200% in matching funds from private, federal and local sources have been raised to leverage the state's CIA dollars - funds which have been invested directly back into our communities to support CIA funded projects.
- CIA = Jobs - over 2,000 jobs were created in the affordable housing and historic preservation sector due to CIA projects.
- 157 dairy farm businesses were saved with CIA support.

Please try to protect this program. We have several target properties in Windsor we are trying to preserve as protected open space.

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